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PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 02860.0637-05000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Norikazu ARAI et al.) Group Art Unit: 2653
Application No.: 10/612,168) Examiner: W. R. Korzuch
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For: OPTICAL PICKUP APPARATUS, RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS PROVIDED WITH THE OPTICAL PICKUP APPARATUS, OPTICAL ELEMENT, AND INFORMATION RECORDING/ REPRODUCING METHOD	Confirmation No.: 4165)))))
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STATUS INQUIRY

According to our records, this continuation application was filed in the U.S.

Patent and Trademark Office on July 3, 2003. To date, we have not received an Official Action in this application.

In view of these circumstances, please advise the undersigned attorney of the status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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